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(Photo by Lians Jadan) Tony Roko

Artist in residence

Leno, GaGa join 'brewing' legion of fans

His new fans include Lady GaGa and Jay Leno, along with the myriad art collectors across the country who have his work hanging on their walls.

Plymouth artist Tony Roko has come a long way from the plant floor at the Ford Motor Co. Wayne Assembly Plant where his career began years ago.

Roko, 46, named the Best Fine Artist of 2015 by readers of Hour magazine, has recently taken on a unique challenge with the creation of original artwork on which the Atwater Brewery is basing the labels for their new series of beers.

When executives from Atwater were ready to introduce the new beer flavors for 2016, they wanted to ensure the brand had a unique and instantly recognizable identity. To guarantee that the new beers would stand out, even before being tasted, they decided to use a recognizable artist, rather than an advertising agency illustrator, to create a series of unique labels. They sought out Roko for the commission and he, always looking for a challenge, agreed to take on the massive task. Roko, a Canton High School graduate, is known throughout the art world for his unique style and use of color and materials.

The beer labels were something new for him, however.

"What started as a single painting for one label for just 40 cases of beer five months ago has turned into designing 26 paintings.

"What an opportunity, to have my work seen in 26 states and three countries," Roko said, although he admitted the job has evolved into far more work than he first envisioned.

"I don't think people realize the amount of work or the number of hours that goes into each of these labels. They begin as sketches for full-size paintings. They aren't just sketched and inked in," he noted. "Each label is an original."

Roko said he wanted to match the colorful characters of Detroit with the individual beer flavors. His paintings, on which the labels are based, are all in his distinctive and personal style. They are completed over 50 hours or more in his basement studio and use the commercial sensibility of Toulouse-Lautrec with a van-Gogh-esque pallet, a couple of Roko's favorite artists.

He plans to frame each final label painting with unique handmade frames made from base moldings reclaimed from abandoned Detroit homes, another of his interests and one of his trademarks.

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Township loses court land case

The three-judge panel at the Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert J. Columbo ordering Plymouth Township to return a 190-acre parcel of land to the City of Detroit.

The 11-page appeals decision found no legal basis or viable argument in the briefs presented as arguments by attorney Mike Cox who represented the township in the court hearing. Township attorney Kevin Bennett was also present at the oral arguments last week.

Plymouth Township obtained the land, once on the tax rolls for more than $15 million, in September of 2011 for $606,150 in a Wayne County tax foreclosure sale. The contested property is located and Five Mile and Ridge roads, the site of the former Detroit House of Corrections, which closed in 1986. Plymouth Township obtained an installment purchase contract with Bank of Ann Arbor for the purchase which included monthly payments of $17,000.

The three-judge panel included Presiding Judge Michael J. Talbot, Judge Mark J. Cavanagh and Judge Kirsten Kelly who were unanimous in their opinion that the township arguments were invalid and without merit.

Attorneys for Detroit originally argued that the foreclosure was improper as municipally-owned land is not subject to tax foreclosure and the city was never properly notified of any taxes due on the land, arguments Columbo and the appellate panel found valid.

According to attorneys for Detroit, the township can now accept the decision and return the property to the proper owners or ask for a reconsideration at the court of appeals or attempt to take the matter to the Michigan Supreme Court.

City of Detroit Deputy Court Counsel Chuck Raimi said that he felt any further pursuit of the matter by the township would be "futile."

While state law allows for the city as the damaged party to seek double the assessed price of the land as damages, Raimi

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Romulus mayor is named to conference post

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff has been selected as the secretary of the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), an association of 18 chief elected local officials in the largest county in the state.

LeRoy Burcroff

Burcroff is now a member of the CWW 2016 Executive Committee which also includes Chairman Mayor William Wild (Westland), Vice-Chairman Mayor Jack O'Reilly (Dearborn), Treasurer Supervisor Robert Nix II (Northville Township) and Chair Emeritus Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz (Redford Township). The new executive committee took their oaths of office before the Honorable Judge Christopher D. Dingell Jan. 8 in Northville Township.

"Serving on this committee is a great opportunity for Romulus to share and learn some of the best practices from our neighboring communities," said Burcroff.

The CWW is a bi-partisan group that works collectively to discuss mutual issues, share information and generally improve the quality of life for the nearly 700,000 residents who live in the 340 square mile region and make up the most populated area in Wayne County, bordered by Washtenaw County to the west, Oakland County to the north, the City of Detroit to the east, and Monroe County to the south.

Members of the CWW include the cities of Belleville, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Romulus, Wayne and Westland, and the townships of Canton, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Sumpter and Van Buren.

Despite the diversity of size, economic development and population density, these communities have been working together - working regionally - to enhance this area of Wayne County for over 35 years, a spokesperson said.

The conference is the access point for funneling information to local units from county, state and federal agencies. In this capacity, the CWW will monitor state and federal legislation for its impact on local government. In addition, the CWW works as a liaison between local government and many service organizations by representing its members on various committees and boards, she added.

Belleville - Inkster

2 Inkster men charged in Detroit death

Two Inkster men have been arrested and charged in the death of well-known musician Anthony Tolson on Christmas Eve in Detroit.

Police investigators said that Tolson had finished playing bass guitar at Central Baptist Church in Detroit and was on his way to visit his three children at his mother's home on the east side of Detroit when he was shot and killed in an apparent carjacking. His killers took his SUV and the holiday gifts he had inside the vehicle for his children, William, 7; Aaron, 12 and Amber, 13.

The shooting and robbery took place at about 9:30 p.m. on the 14990 block of Gratiot near State Fair Avenue in Detroit, according to police, when Tolson's Chevrolet Trailblazer was taken by two assailants.

Friends said that Tolson, 33, had toured with musical talents including Ne-Yo, Young Jeesy, Kelis and J. Moss. While Tolson took his music seriously, he had recently begun training to become an ordained minister, according to friends.

Last Thursday, Charles Cox, 35, of Inkster was arraigned on charges of first degree murder, felony murder, carjacking, armed robbery and felon in possession of a firearm, and felony firearm in connection with the death and robbery of Tolson.

Gene Arthur Young, 18, also of Inkster, was arraigned on the same charges as Cox last Friday.

Both were remanded to jail by the court and will face a preliminary court hearing on the charges Jan. 28 before 36th District Court Judge Shannon Holmes.

Anderson named as new county commissioner

Members of the Wayne County Commission voted unanimously Jan. 7 to appoint Glenn Anderson to replace Richard LeBlanc as the 12th District commissioner. LeBlanc resigned effective Jan. 1 when he began his first four-year term as Westland City Clerk.

The 12th District includes Garden City, Inkster and most of Westland.

"I am appreciative to the Wayne County Commission for the unanimous vote of confidence in my appointment to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner Richard LeBlanc," Anderson said. "I look forward to working with the commission and the county executive to secure the county's finances, and strengthen processes to bring greater efficiency and accountability to county government, while providing exceptional services to our residents and businesses."

The Wayne County Charter requires that a replacement be named within 30 days of a commissioner's resignation. The replacement must be a registered voter in that district and of the same party as the departing commissioner. While the departing commissioner can recommend a replacement, the vote is conducted by the remaining commissioners. Anderson will serve the remainder of the two-year term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016.

Anderson, D-Westland, served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 2001-06 and the Michigan Senate from 2007-14, and was the commission's appointment to the seven-member Wayne County Ethics Board in 2015.

He also served on the Westland City Council from 1991-2000, has been a Realtor since 1979 and worked for Ford Motor Co. for 28 years. He has been a UAW member since 1972.

Anderson, 61, and his wife, Gail, have lived in Westland since 1978. They have two adult children, Melissa and Kyle, and two grandchildren, Mackenzie and Logan.

LeBlanc, 57, was midway through his second term on the commission. He was elected in November 2012 for the 2013-14 term and then re-elected in November 2014.

He also served for three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, three terms on the Westland City Council and one term on the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education.

Millage to be on ballot

Voters in the Van Buren Public Schools District will see the renewal of an 18-mill non-Homestead tax on the ballot May 3.

The tax, if approved, will be in effect for 10 years.

According to Finance Director Shareen Barker, the millage will be in effective for 10 years and generate about $9.6 million annually, or about 21 percent of the district budget.

The tax would not affect homeowners but is levied against business property, rental housing and vacation homes.

Voters approved the tax for five years in November of 2011.

Barker suggested the board members place the 10-year term on the ballot this year, rather than the 5 years approved previously. School officials said the ballot question could be repeated if voters rejected it during the May 3 election.

NOTICE
PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township, Department of Public Works, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works, 734-354-3270, Extension 3, for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.
Thank You

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NANCY CONZELMAN
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 15/16-10 PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES - ONE YEAR CONTRACT

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking proposals from qualified companies to provide a tiered ambulance service in accordance with the RFP documents. The successful company will be required to enter into a contract with the City. The initial contract period will be one year, with two additional one-year renewal options, for a possible total of three years upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The renewal options shall be at the same terms and conditions as the original contract.

(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a proposal ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/.

(3) Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 9, 2016. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
RFP 15/16-10 PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES - ONE YEAR CONTRACT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
(5) Proposals shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date for submitting bids/proposals.
(6) The awarded Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.
(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us .

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE TO ELECTORS
Absentee Voter Ballots

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:
Notice is hereby given that **ABSENTEE VOTERS BALLOTS** are available for the March Presidential Primary Election to be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016, and may be obtained from the Office of the Romulus City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, for electors who:

1. Expect to be absent from the community the entire time the polls are open,
2. Are physically unable to attend the polls,
3. Cannot attend the polls due to religious beliefs,
4. Are 60 years of age or older,
5. Have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than where they reside, or
6. In jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

To obtain an Absentee Voter Ballot APPLICATION please visit the City website at www.romulusgov.com or call the Clerk's office at 734-942-7540.

Notice is further given that Saturday, March 5, 2016, 2:00 p.m. is the deadline for the acceptance of Absentee Ballot Applications in accordance with Section 168.759 of Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948, as amended. The City Clerk's Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to accept ballots.

"LATE" REQUEST DEADLINE: Absent voter ballots can be picked up by the voter in person anytime up to 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election – the ballot must be voted in the office; the voter is not permitted to leave with the ballot.

"EMERGENCY" REQUEST DEADLINE: An elector may make an "emergency" request for an absentee ballot if he or she cannot attend the polls because of (1) personal disablement or (2) a family death or illness which will require the elector leave the community for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day. The emergency must have occurred after 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election.

REMINDER: The last day to register to vote for this election is Monday, February 8, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 2, 2016 * 7:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the first of two (2) public hearings concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held by the Charter Township of Plymouth at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road on Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the board any proposed use of the 2016 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2016 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately $101,190. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2016 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15%
PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$15,180**
Senior Services	$7,590
Council on Aging	$5,366
Senior Alliance	$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$7,590**
ADMINISTRATION	**$10,190**
BRICK & MORTAR	**$75,820**
ADA Township Facility Improvements	$75,820
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$101,190**

A second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 after which the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2016 funds.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2016 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, February 5, 2016.

Nancy Conzelman
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2016
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Kathleen Abdo, Sylvia Makowski.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Roscoe** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-001 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout t**o approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 28, 2015. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
3. Petitioner: None
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming community events. He also announced the State of the City Address will be held on January 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the RAC. Tickets are $20.00 per person with all proceeds to be donated to the Sounds of Downtown. The Mayor's Fitness Challenge begins Monday, January 11th at the RAC and lasts for nine weeks; for additional information, contact the RAC at 734-942-2223.
16-002 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and approve the reappointment of Cathy Freitag, David Paul, and Michael Prybyla to the City of Romulus Planning Commission with a three-year term to expire on January 31, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-003 5B. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the reallocation of the remaining $3,500.00 for additional repairs at the Romulus Civic League, repairs to include the addition of gutters and downspouts, the replacement of interior ceiling tiles, the replacement of a door, and other minor building repairs. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6A. Clerk's Report:
City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that the Romulus Library is having a book sale on January 14, 15, and 16 during regular business hours: Monday – Thursday 10-8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10-5 p.m., Sunday closed. She made a clarification regarding the tax-foreclosed properties list from the Property Disposition Committee which was under the Clerk's report at the last Council meeting. There were only two homes on the list, the rest was vacant land. Wayne County gave the City a final chance to purchase properties from the list and the Committee made the recommendation not to purchase any of the parcels as none of them were close to city-owned property.
16-004 6A1. Moved by **Roscoe**, seconded by **Choate** to schedule a study session for Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the restated City of Romulus Employee Pension Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-005 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth**, seconded by **Choate** to concur with the Executive Advisory Commission and City Assessor, Julie Albert, to re-appoint Reverend Edward Thomas, Jr. to the Board of Review with the term to expire on December 31, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that property taxes are due on February 16, 2016.
7. Public Comment:
Resident commented on Councilman Wadsworth's remarks regarding the Compensation Commission and thanked him for not accepting a raise in pay and asked the other Council members to do the same.
8. Unfinished Business:
Councilman Wadsworth forwarded a note from a resident to the mayor regarding a pot hole on Wild Fox Court. Councilman Wadsworth expressed gratitude for donations to the Animal Shelter.
9. New Business
10. Communication:
Councilwoman Roscoe announced the Romulus Cemetery Fundraiser to purchase a Victorian gate for Romulus Memorial Cemetery. There will be a Euchre Card Tournament on March 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with ticket prices of $20.00 per person.Councilman Crout said he is against raises in salary for elected officials.
11. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 4, 2016. RM012116-0005 2.5 x 7.772

PLYMOUTH - ROMULUS

Citizens academy now taking applications

Romulus residents or business owners who want a first-hand look at the police and fire operations in the city will soon get their chance.

The Romulus Citizens' Academy will start on Feb. 2 and applications are now available. The academy is a free 15-week course that highlights various services provided by the police and fire departments, from SWAT team demonstrations to the Jaws of L ife and crime scene investigation.

Started and led by Lt. Damian Hull and Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Krause, the course is popular with city and public safety officials and citizens alike, according to Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff.

"There have been nothing but good things to come from it," he said.

The academy will take place on Tuesday evenings. Each session will feature a different topic, including: patrol operations, use of force, S.W.A.T. operations, bomb squad, crime scene investigations, fire suppression demonstrations, jail tours and more.

"It's really very interesting," said City Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe, who has attended a previous citizen's academy. "I encourage everyone to go through the program. It's time well-spent."

Burcroff said the academy is also a good way to for police and fire staff to engage with the citizens and for Romulus residents to get involved with the community. Past participants now organize the annual Hometown Hero event and help out in other ways, too.

"They're very helpful at a lot of our events," said Burcroff. "A lot of people come out of the academy not only well-informed, but fired up about the community."

The class is free, but limited to 25 participants. Applications and additional information are available at the Romulus Police Department, 11165 Olive St., Romulus or online at www.romulusgov.com/citizensacademy.

This year, the sessions will take place from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 2 though May 17, according to city officials.

All applicants must complete a pre-screening interview prior to acceptance into the classes.

There is no cost to participate.

Trustee suggests abolishing local pay board

A proposal from Plymouth Township Trustee Mike Kelly to abolish the Local Compensation Commission met with discussion but no action from fellow board members last week.

The five-member commission, by state law, meets in odd-numbered years to recommend salary levels for township officials. The commission members did not meet in 2015 and therefore did not issue a recommendation for 2016 and 2017. State law also dictates that the recommendations of the commission become effective unless rejected by a two-thirds vote of the board of trustees.

Supervisor Shannon Price said attempts to schedule a meeting in December were unsuccessful as the dates did not fit into commission members' schedules. He added that two of the commission terms have expired and appointments to the commission should be made.

Because the commission did not meet or offer a recommendation, the salary for Price will remain at $111,384; Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Nancy Conzelman will each be paid $104,959 annually and the trustees will each be paid $11,921.

Kelly, who said he proposed dismantling the commission because of his frustration with the system that automatically approves any recommended raises, said he was "OK" with the current salary levels until 2018. Kelly, Trustee Bob Doroshewitz and Trustee Chuck Curmi voted against the raises the commission recommended in 2013 for 2014 and 2015. Then Supervisor Richard Reaume, Edwards, Conzelman and the late trustee Kay Arnold voted in favor of the raises, which were 4.5 percent for the supervisor, 3.5 percent for the clerk and treasurer and 1.5 percent for trustees for each of the two years.

Land

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said that action was "not applicable. The court returned the property to the city and that's all we wanted."

He added that to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, the township would have to overcome serious odds as the court agrees to hear only a very small percentage of the cases attorneys file for hearings.

"There's nothing here that would merit review by the Michigan Supreme Court," Raimi said.

Attorneys have said that the township would have to sue the office of the Wayne County Treasurer for a return of the $606,000 paid for the land. The treasurer's office has repeatedly stated that they offered the land in the foreclosure sale based on information provided by the township and therefore acted properly in the situation.

City of Detroit attorneys claimed in their legal briefs that the township was "not an innocent third party. The Township engineered the foreclosure by failing to send property tax bills to the city despite the fact that the City at all times was owner of the Subject Property. Plymouth Township then purchased the Subject Property for back taxes and now seeks a multimillion dollar windfall at the expense of the City." The court made no specific comment on those claims.

State Rep. Kurt Heise, who has declared his candidacy for township supervisor, said that the decision was "a huge loss for the township." He added that further litigation would be foolishness. "We've already wasted enough of our citizens' tax dollars. This is an open and shut case. They (township officials) need to move on."

(Staff Writer Don Howard contributed to this story.)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11 2016 for the following:

SPRING 2016 STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11 2016 for the following:

SPRING 2016 US FOREST SERVICE GRANT TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -(FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 121 99 0012 000 (49875 GEDDES), 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0014 000 (4330 DENTON), 121 99 0015 001 (4400 DENTON) (PART OF), 121 99 0015 002 (4540 DENTON) (PART OF), 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000, 121 99 0033 000 (4005 BARR), 121 99 0034 000, 121 99 0038 702 (4605 BARR) (PART OF). Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 4, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP Greg Greene, Chairman
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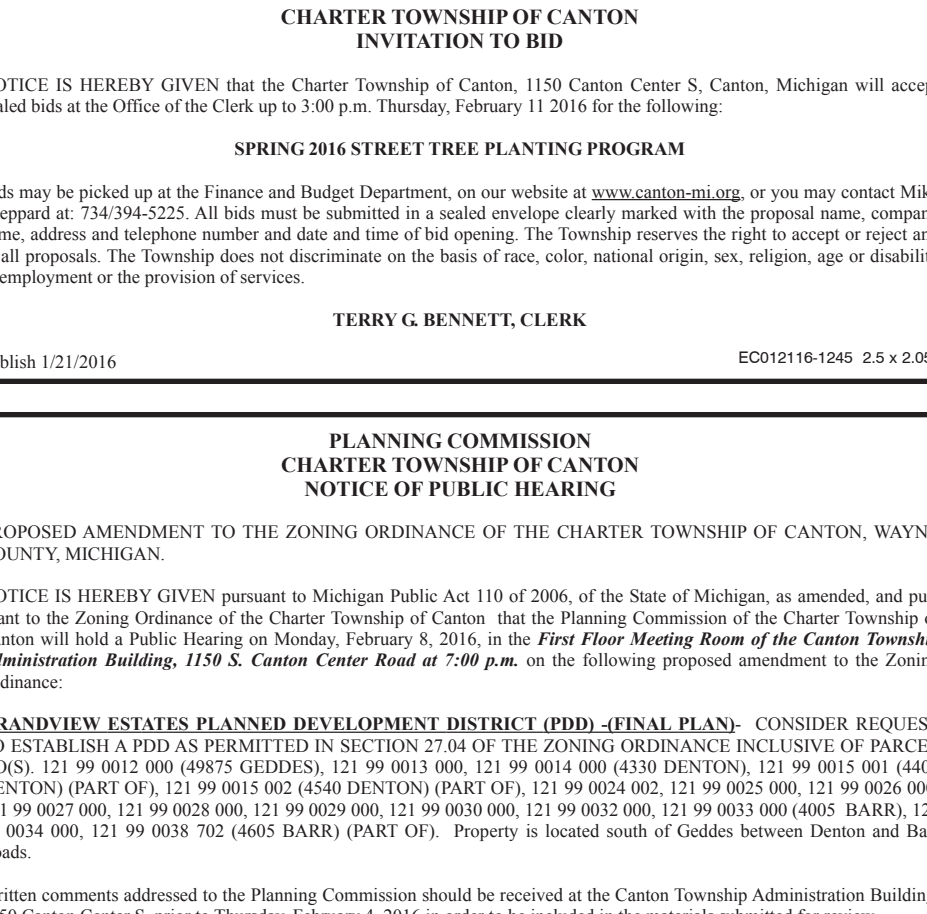

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

UNIFIED COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 128 99 0001 000 (48225 MICHIGAN) FROM LI, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 4, 2016, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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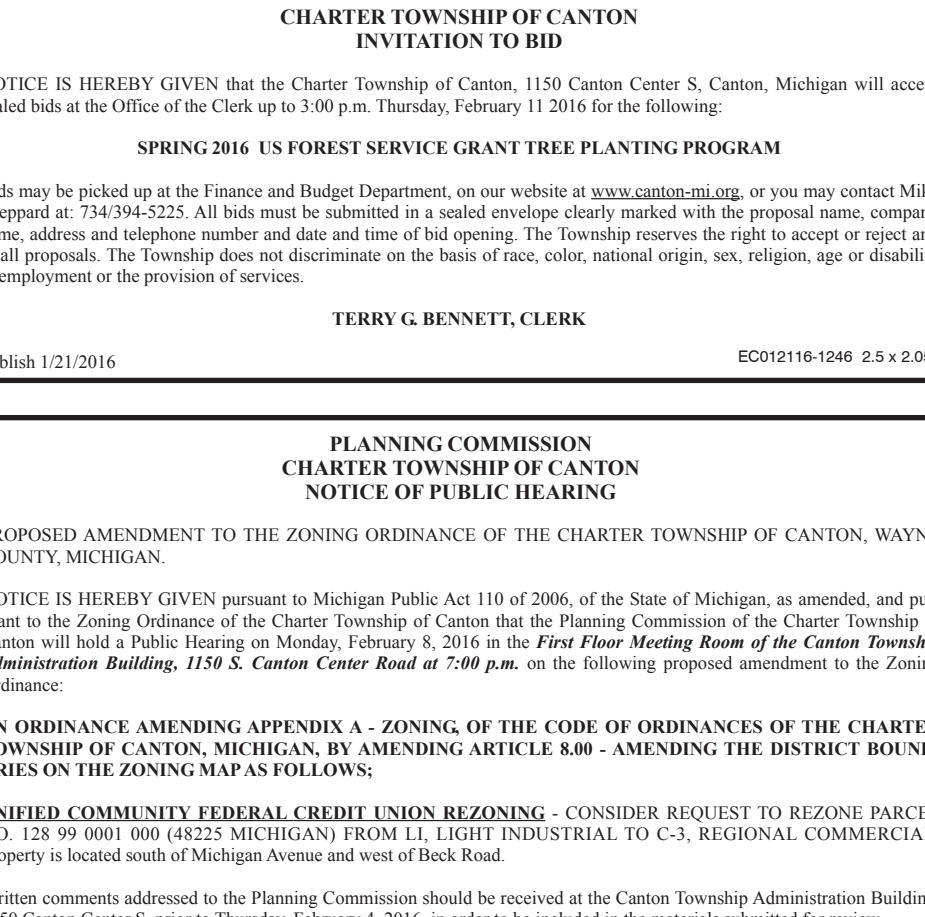

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Wayne - Westland

Norwayne 'vitality center' wins 2015 national award

The Jefferson Barns community Vitality Center has been named as the winner of the 2015 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award.

The National Community Development Association (NCDA) will recognize the Norwayne project during the Jan. 22 Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. where Mayor William R. Wild and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell will accept the award for the city. Westland is one of 16 award winners nationwide.

The award has special significance for Wild, who made the improvement of the Norwayne subdivision, the oldest in the city, a priority of his administration when he first took office in 2007.

"I was born in Norwayne," Wild said. "This was an exciting project for me to see this former school building undergo a rebirth to the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center that will be the hub of community activity in the Norwayne neighborhood. We are honored to accept the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement award on behalf of the city," he added.

In 1987, NCDA established the Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award to recognize exemplary uses of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and the partnerships between local governments and non-profit organizations to assist low- and moderate-income individuals.

The award has been expanded in recent years to include projects funded with the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and other funding sources.

Westland opened the newly-renovated Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in July last year in what was formerly a vacant elementary school. Closed since 2010, the school was built during World War II to educate the children of parents working as part of the Arsenal for Democracy war effort. Renting the building from the Wayne-Westland Community Schools for $1 per year, renovations were made possible when the city received a loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that will be repaid over 15 years from Community Development Block Grant funds.

City officials used those funds to complete renovations that included moving a wood gymnasium floor from the closed Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center to the former elementary school. New tenants at the community center include the Housing and Community Development Department, Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, Nankin Transit and the Norwayne Boxing Gym. The center also contains a library and community space. Safe Step / Beginning Step Communities have negotiated a lease at the Dorsey Center where Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous will continue to meet. Community rooms are available at the Norwayne center for rentals for public and private events and the police department is expected to have an office at the center for community police officers.

Constructed in 1942, the Norwayne neighborhood was added to the National Registry of Historic places in July of 2013. Erected during World War II for the workers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant and during its peak was home to more than 20,000 residents. By the 1980s Norwayne's housing stock started to decline and it was apparent that the area was in need of restoration.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work on this project with so many dedicated people and organizations," commented Campbell. "Almost every week another group is calling to schedule a new class or activity. This is a significant impact on the revitalization of the Norwayne community."

Stepping up

The staff at Wayne Memorial High School "stepped up" for their students recently after they offered to wear tutus for a day if students and other staff members made donations to the Zebra Step Team. Step Team members made the tutus for the staff members and sure enough, they donned the ballet skirts. The effort generated more than $250 to be used to help purchase new uniforms for the Step Team. Fashionistas included, from left, David Daigneau, Assistant Principal Kesha Reeves, Step Team Advisor Trish Barnes, Assistant Principal Lindsay Rousseau, Kristen Skoryanc, Stephanie Bigelow and Lee Grizzell.

Wayne finances remain dire

Wayne officials got both good and bad news about the city financial reports during a meeting earlier this month.

The good news was that the audit of city finances was unmodified and is an accurate reflection of the financial condition of Wayne. According to Brain Camiller of Plante Moran, the financial statements are materially correct and can be relied on.

"I'm not telling you that you're in good financial shape," he cautioned the mayor and council members.

The city continues to operate at a loss in the general fund and the 2016 budget deficit is reported at $2.25 million. That deficit does not include the $82 million in unfunded legacy and retirement medical obligations.

"That number should scare you," Camiller said. "You don't have $2.25 million to balance the budget. You are bleeding a couple hundred thousand dollars per month. You will be out of money by Labor Day, 2017."

Camiller expressed concern about the water and sewer fund which currently has a balance of $528,000 after liabilities, enough to fund only three weeks of operations. Camiller said that that was clearly not enough.

"You should have 90 days of operational funds on hand," he said, in addition to funds for repairs.

He said that he did not intend to frighten officials, but the picture is clear.

Mayor Susan Rowe thanked Camiller for his presentation and after discussion, members of the council approved a plan to create a task force of citizens to help address the financial woes. Each council member will appoint two members of the community to the task force and the city manager would work with them to clearly outline the current situation. No council members would participate in the task force. Rowe said that the task force members would serve for two years and could suggest areas for more revenue for the city.

Wayne has experienced a 40 percent drop in tax revenue during the past several years, accounting for the majority of the deficit in the budget, officials have said.

INVITATION TO BID
City of Romulus ITB 15/16-12
- Project #0155-14-0050 - Pennsylvania Road Water Main

The City of Romulus is requesting sealed bids for the construction of a new water main along Pennsylvania Road from Wharman Road to Wayne Road (Project 15/16-12). The major items of work include approximately 3,200 feet of directional drilled 12-inch fusible PVC water main, and 400 feet of open trench 12-inch ductile iron water main with connections to existing water mains.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City of Romulus Clerk until 2:00 PM local time, on February 9, 2016. All bids should be clearly addressed:

ITB 15/16-12 - Project # 0155-14-0050 Pennsylvania Road Water Main
City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
Romulus, MI 48174

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 4:00 PM, January 19, 2016, at the City of Romulus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711) or online at the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network website: www.MITN.info.

Copies thereof may be obtained from the office of the City's Engineer, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. A prepaid, non-refundable fee of eighty dollars ($55.00) will be charged for each set of contract documents and an additional non-refundable fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00) will be charged if contract documents are mailed.

Bid security in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Check or bid bond for a sum no less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid.

The City of Romulus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irregularities in Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids.

Neither the submission of nor acceptance of any bid shall constitute a contract between any bidder and the City of Romulus. No such contract shall exist unless and until all required bonds and proof of insurances and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and an agreement is signed by authorized representatives of the City of Romulus and the successful Bidder.

Questions regarding the project or the ITB documents should be directed to Marcus McNamara of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment at 734-522-6711 or marcus.mcnamara@ohm-advisors.com

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INVITATION TO BID
City of Romulus ITB 15/16-11 - Project #0155-11-0010
Wickham Road Water Main

The City of Romulus, is requesting sealed bids for the construction of a new water main along Wickham Road between Wick Road to Merriman Road (Project 15/16-11). The major items of work include approximately 1,450 feet of directional drilled 8-inch fusible PVC water main, 250 feet of open trench 8-inch ductile iron water main with 7 tapping sleeve and valve connections to existing water mains and a butterfly valve on an existing 24-inch water main.

No pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

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City of Romulus Clerk's Office
11111 Wayne Road
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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Canton clerk will not seek re-election

There will be two familiar names missing from the Canton Township ballot in November with the announcement of Township Clerk Terry Bennett that she will not seek reelection this year.

Bennett's announcement follows that of Supervisor Phil LaJoy who announced his retirement earlier this year, confirming that after eight years as the top official in the township, he would not seek reelection. Bennett has been Canton Township Clerk for 21 years after being chosen by voters in a special election in 1995, when she replaced her husband, Loren, when he was elected as a state senator.

Bennett told the members of the township board of her decision during the regular meeting of the trustees last week.

"I love my job. This has been extremely difficult for me to make this decision," she said. "I love the Canton community and I've dedicated a lot of my life to it. It has been a growth experience."

She told the board members that while she will not seek reelection, she had no plans to retire and may look for a position with less responsibility so that she might spend more time with her father, who is 95, and her family.

LaJoy praised the work Bennett has done in the township.

"Nobody could do it better and I don't think anybody ever has," LaJoy said. "The people of Canton really made a great choice," he said.

Municipal clerks across the state agree with him regarding Bennett's professional performance. She was named Township Clerk of the Year in 2009 by the statewide association of clerks and was named to the Canton Hall of Fame in 1991. She has earned numerous accolades including the designation as master municipal clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, along with many other honors.

Bennett and her family have lived in Canton for 40 years. She has served on the Canton Historic District Commission for 30 years and she has been a director on boards for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, the Canton Community Foundation and The Senior Alliance.

$11 million in investments planned in Canton

Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved 50-percent tax abatements for two manufacturing companies investing more than $11 million in the community.

G-Tekt, which supplies automotive body frame components, received approval for a 4-year, 50-percent tax abatement on a $6.4 million expansion at the Canton plant. Company spokesmen said the 19,000 square foot expansion would include 10 new jobs.

Fraza Forklifts, a distributor of Caterpillar machinery parts and an industrial forklift rental company is moving to a new building in an industrial district on Commerce Drive, southeast of Koppernick Road. The company will invest $4.7 million in a new 60,000 square foot building which will be the corporate headquarters.

Fraza is moving from a building in Plymouth Township and a representative said that the company will bring 27 new jobs to Canton during the next two years.

The tax abatements were approved by a unanimous vote of the trustees.

Weather halts work on 8-Mile Road bridge

Construction on the bridge on Eight Mile Road just east of Novi Road in Northville has been suspended by Wayne County until warmer weather, explained Ronald Agacinski, the director of the county engineering division.

The $304,000 bridge construction will allow motorists to cross the CSX railroad tracks and is a county project, not involving the city of Northville.

Federal Aid administered by Michigan Department of Transportation will pay about 82 percent and Wayne County will pay the remaining 18 percent of the bill, Agacinski said.

CSX is not involved in the bridge repair project.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TO
BUSCH'S, INC
225 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 58 of the Public Acts of 1998 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a **Public Hearing** on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016**, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Busch's, Inc., issuance of a Class C Liquor License to be located at 225 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Township, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Wayne County.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett,
Canton Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

CISMAN REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 126 99 0008 701 FROM R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) TO R-4, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (4 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Geddes Road and east of Denton Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 4, 2016, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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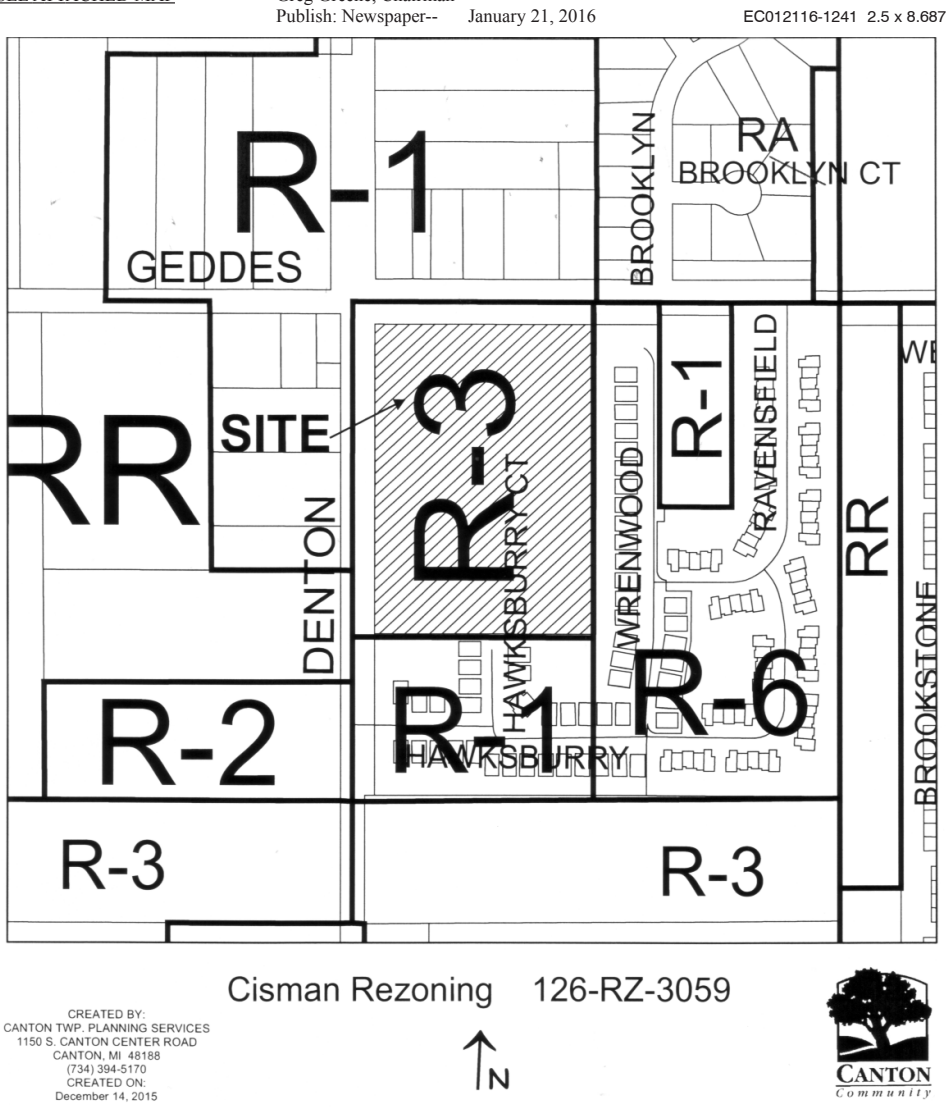

Charter Township of Canton - Board Proceedings –January 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, Sneideman, Williams, Yack Members Absent: McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Director Trumbull, Kristin Kolb **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Board Minutes of December 8, 2015 as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked about a citation issued to him regarding a "barking dog". Supervisor LaJoy explained to Mr. Miller this matter is being handled by Mr. Miller's attorney. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Establishment and Use of "Receiving Boards" in the 2016 Elections. (Clerk)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to adopt the following resolution establishing the use of one or more "Receiving Boards" to administer any 2016 elections scheduled in the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF "RECEIVING BOARDS" IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WHEREAS,** MCL.168.679(a) provides the legislative body of a city, township, or village may, by resolution, provide that at an election at which the ballots are counted and certified at the precinct, 1 or more additional boards of election inspectors be appointed to serve as receiving boards. **WHEREAS,** For a precinct having receiving boards, the board of election commissioners shall appoint a receiving board consisting of 2 or more election inspectors, with an equal number from each major political party, and shall appoint an equal number of election inspectors from each major political party, and not less than 2 election inspectors in a precinct, representing each of the major political parties, shall deliver to the receiving board for that precinct a sealed ballot container containing the voted ballots in a separate sealed envelope; the poll book and statement of returns. **WHEREAS,** The poll book and statement of returns may be enclosed in a single sealed envelope and the receiving board shall open the sealed envelope and review the poll book and statement of returns to determine both of the following: (a) That the ballot container is properly sealed and the seal number is properly recorded in the poll book and the statement of returns. If the ballot container is not properly sealed or there is a discrepancy with the seal number recorded in the poll book or the statement of returns, the election inspectors who delivered the ballot container and the receiving board shall together take the necessary steps to correct the discrepancy. The election inspectors and the receiving board shall note the discrepancy and note the corrective action in the remarks section of the poll book and all shall sign the notation. (b) That the number of individuals voting recorded in the poll book equals the number of ballots issued to electors, as shown by the statement of returns. If the number of individuals voting as shown by the poll book does not equal the number of ballots counted as shown by the statement of returns, and if an explanation of the discrepancy has not been noted in the poll book, the receiving board shall ask the election inspectors about the discrepancy, note the explanation in the poll book, and all shall sign the notation. **WHEREAS,** if the poll book or statement of returns has been erroneously sealed in the ballot container, the election inspectors may open the ballot container and remove the poll book or statement of returns. The elections inspectors and receiving board shall note the corrective action in the remarks section of the poll book and all shall sign the notation before placing the poll book or statement of returns in a separate sealed envelope. If the statement of returns was sealed in the ballot container and the poll book was sealed in an envelope, the poll book shall be removed from the sealed envelope for the notation of corrective action to be recorded before placing the poll book and statement of returns in a sealed envelope. The receiving board shall notify the clerk of the board of canvassers responsible for canvassing all or a portion of the election of the corrective action taken. **WHEREAS,** when the receiving board has completed the review under subsection (3), the receiving board shall place the poll book and statement of returns in the appropriate envelope, sealed with a red paper seal and initialed by the receiving board. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton elects to use "receiving board in all elections scheduled in 2016 as provided in MCL. 168.679(a). **Item C-2. Set Public Hearing for Consideration of a "Class C" Liquor License for Busch's, Inc., 225 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to set the Public Hearing date for February 23, 2016 to consider a "Class C" Liquor License for Busch's, Inc., 225 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, Canton Township, Wayne County.. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-3. Authorization to Pay Bills when no regular Board Meeting is scheduled. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the payment of the Township's bills as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer, when no regular Board Meeting is scheduled. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-4. Approve CDBG Housing Rehab Change Order. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the change order for Stratton Home Improvement in the amount of $3,580 for a housing rehabilitation at Cather Dr. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-5. Re-appointments to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the re-appointments of Darian Moore, Herb Scott and Donald Soenen to the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2018. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-6. Consider Authorizing the Township Clerk to Sign the Annual MDOT Permit for 2016. (MSD** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2016 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation right-of way. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-7. Consider Approving the Resolutions for Three (3) Annual Permits and Authorizing the Township Clerk's Signature for Work within the Wayne County Right-of-Way during 2016. (MSD)** Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve Resolution 1; Permit A-16038 allowing for routine maintenance of sanitary sewers and water mains including inspection and repair, along with dust palliative applications, sidewalk repair and replacement, to authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2016 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services once received from Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve Resolution 2; Permit A-16093 allowing the township to occupy the right-of-way for pavement repair and restoration in 2016, and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2016 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services once received from Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve resolution 3; Permit A-16081 allowing the township to perform Special Events which temporarily occupy the Wayne County Road right-of-way in 2016, and authorize the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign the 2016 Annual Permit for Wayne County Department of Public Services once received from Wayne County. Motion carried by all members present. **Item C-8. Consider Purchase of Water Meters and Metering Control Devices for 2016. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to accept the quote from Etna Supply Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed $604,172.00 and authorize the Public Works Division to purchase the necessary meter equipment and supplies. I further move to waive the Finance Purchasing Policy requiring formal bids, as these items are supplied under a sole-source contract through Etna Supply Company. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item G-1. Consider Appointment of Members to Canton Township Building Authority. (Supv)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve the Supervisor's recommendations and appoint Rich Keenan, Joe Sheridan and Brian Berndt to the Canton Township Building Authority to terms as follows: Brian Berndt: 1 year term expiring 12/31/2016 Rich Keenan: 2 year term expiring 12/31/2017 Joe Sheridan: 3 year term expiring 12/31/2018 Upon reappointment, all terms will run for three (3) years per the Bylaws. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-2. Consider Site Plan Approval for Fresh Thyme Market. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to approve the following resolution. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Site Plan for Fresh Thyme Market WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dan Uebelhor, has requested site plan approval for Fresh Thyme Market to be located on Morton Taylor Road between Ford and Hanford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 040-99-0006-710; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval with conditions, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Dan Uebelhor, to approve the site plan for the proposed Fresh Thyme Market subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item G-3. Consider Payment of CityView Annual Software Maintenance Fees. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the payment to Harris Computer Systems for the CityView annual software maintenance fees, for a total cost not-to-exceed of $49,551.17. Funds are available in the 2016 Budget in the accounts specified. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-4. Consider Award of a Contract for the Lower Rouge River Trail Pedestrian Bridge Coating Project to Arttex Painting Company Incorporated. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to award the contract for the Lower Rouge River Trail Pedestrian Bridge Coating Project to Arttex Painting Company Incorporated of Northville, Michigan for an amount not-to-exceed $20,200. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-5. Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment to Cover the Costs of Water Main Installation During the Wayne County Paving Project on Lotz Road. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to approve a budget amendment and approve a purchase order to Wayne County in the amount of $631,918 for the water main installation along Lotz Road as follows: Increase Fund Balance Appropriation: #592-000.695 (Fund Balance Appropriation) by $631,918; and Increase Expenditure: #592-536.970_0050 (Capital Outlay – Infrastructure) by $631,918. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-6. Consider Approval of Purchase of Vehicles for 2016. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman approve the purchase of twenty three vehicles totaling $588,176 as budgeted in the 2016 fiscal year. Motion carried by all members present. **Item G-7. Consider Bid Award for Fuel for Parks and Golf Maintenance. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Sneideman to authorize the Agreement of Sale of Petroleum Products between Canton Township and RKA Petroleum Companies for the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for Parks and Golf Maintenance from RKA Petroleum Companies, 28340 Wick Road, Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount not to exceed $110,000 with funds to be paid from the Parks Budget Account #101-270-50.860/Transportation and the Pheasant Run Golf Club Budget Account #584-756-75.860/Transportation. Motion carried by all members present. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Clerk Bennett read a prepared statement regarding her decision not to seek re-election in 2016. Supervisor LaJoy thanked Clerk Bennett for her dedication to service, her outstanding performance, and many accomplishments over the past 22 plus years. Trustee Yack added his compliments to Clerk Bennett for her exemplary work and the positive influence on the township. Trustee Sneideman stated Clerk Bennett is one of the most professional people he has ever worked with. Trustee Anthony added his support and gratitude as well. Trustee Williams stated Canton sets the bench mark for Township Clerk's because of Clerk Bennett. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. _____ **Terry G. Bennett, Clerk**

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Artist

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"The garage has turned into a workshop for framing," he said.

The new branding and slogan, "Atwater Brewery. Born in Detroit. Raised Everywhere." will be rolled out this month, along with the introduction of three of the new Atwater beers, Going Steady IPA, Corktown Rye IPA and Tunnel Ram, an imperial bock.

"Craft brewing is becoming a big business but it's a business about good times," said Mark Raith, president of Atwater Brewing. "Now we're focused on making sure people remember us and think about us first and that's what these new labels are intended to do."

Roko, the first natural-born American citizen in his family, has been drawing and painting for as long as he can remember. His parents immigrated to Canton Township from a refugee camp in Rome, after fleeing Albania, and old world traditions were ingrained in his family life where English was a second language.

While Roko's teachers in the Plymouth-Canton district, where he first learned to speak English, constantly encouraged his innate artistic talent, at 19 he gave up his hope for formal art training and instead followed his parents' version of The American Dream, and took a job on the assembly line at the Wayne Assembly Plant on Michigan Avenue.

His degree of talent did not go without notice, however, and very soon, coworkers, union officials and plant managers took note of the sketches he would complete during his lunch breaks and asked him to be a part of a beautification project at the plant.

He painted several huge murals using materials already in the plant like industrial coatings, auto paints, car parts, pallets and other auto-related supplies. The materials brought a new and lasting life to his work, created from materials designed to withstand the harshest of environments, including the grit and byproducts in an auto plant.

Other commissions followed and he's come a long way in the art world, receiving great critical acclaim. His original works are now installed on the walls of serious art collectors across the country. His work has also been exhibited in several one-man shows in prestigious area galleries during the past few years.

He still uses those bright, vivid auto colors in many of his creations that maintain and evoke an undertone of turmoil and urban survival.

Roko, in addition to being an official Ford artist, recently completed commissions for Lady GaGa and Leno, who called Roko personally to express his appreciation of Roko's style and work. Roko's paintings can also be seen in the permanent collection at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

He and his two sons, 11 and 13, are long-time Plymouth residents.

Tony Roko designs for some of the new Atwater Brewery beers to be introduced this month include - Going Steady IPA, a grapefruit session ale that "rocks any situation while keeping you rock steady," Corktown Rye IPA, a spicy, sweet, bitter aromatic rye malt with a caramel backbone, and Tunnel Ram, an imperial bock that Atwater calls "the big block of big bock." Atwater plans a total of 26 of the new beers, each with an original Roko label.

'Magic' Puppets appear in Canton

They must be seen to be believed.

That's the verdict of experts from the Center for Puppetry Arts of Atlanta about the "magic" of the Cashore Marionettes coming to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The internationally acclaimed troupe, under the hand of master puppeteer Joseph Cashore, will make two appearances, one at 2 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. Jan. 23.

The matinee is geared more toward families and is appropriate for all ages, according to Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin. The matinee, Simple Gifts, will include a series of scenes and portrayals form everyday life set to the music of Vivaldi, Strauss, Beethoven and Copland. Through a combination of skilled puppetry, music and theatrical illusion, the original vignettes presented in "Simple Gifts" provide a vision of what it is to be human. Tickets to this performance for all ages are $12.

In "Life in Motion," presented at 7 p.m. Jan. 23, Cashore presents his collection of marionette masterworks. This series of nine vignettes runs the gamut of emotions from high-spirited good humor to quiet reflection. This production is recommended for adults and children 8 and older. Tickets to this performance for all ages are $15.

"Cashore's marionettes are intricate, mesmerizing and a lot of fun to watch," said Tobin. "We've been trying for several years to book this internationally-acclaimed troupe, so we're thrilled to bring these magical performances to Canton."

Cashore first became interested in marionettes at age 11, when he saw one hanging in a shop window and asked the clerk if he could try it out. When that wasn't allowed, he decided to make one himself, using blocks wood, clothes pins, and a tin can. He experienced his first "magical puppet moment" shortly thereafter while giving a show for his family, but didn't make another marionette until years later, after he had graduated from the University of Notre Dame.

These internationally acclaimed performers have entertained audiences in Europe, the Far East and North America since 1990, including a stop at the Kennedy Center. Cashore has received numerous awards for his artistry, including a 1995 Citation of Excellence from Union Internationale de la Marionette USA, the highest honor an American puppeteer can receive

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Additional information is available at www.cashoremarionettes.com. View Cashore Marionettes in action at https://vimeo.com/96198905

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